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MALE QUARTET TO ARKANSAS

To attend the Student Christian Fellowship Conference at John Brown University, Siloam Springs, Ark., was the purpose of the Spring tour of the University Male Quartet, April 12th through the 23rd. This newly organized conference, with the theme *Christ First* has as an aim, fellowship among Christian college students in the southwest.

Six colleges, other than John Brown College, were represented: Wheaton, University of Arkansas, Ouachita, Bob Jones, College of the Ozarks, and Bryan University.

En route to Siloam Springs, the quartet held services in Wartrace, Memphis, Germantown, Tennessee, and Russellville, Arkansas. While in Memphis the group sang in the Trinity Baptist, Second Cumberland, Presbyterian, Christian Assembly, and Central Cumberland Presbyterian churches and in the Christian Missionary Alliance Tabernacle.

Reverend A. J. Levengood, professor of Bible, accompanied the group, composed of Mitchell West, Howard Kee, Dean Geary, and Edward Paul.

SAM WRITES TO YOU

On page three you will find a picture of Statistical Sam and his \$20,000 ladder. Below the picture, you will see the report: \$736.65 received last month—nearly \$7,000 needed to fill the moderate \$20,000 budget. And here's a letter from Statistical Sam himself:

Folks, if there ever was a time when I needed a boost from my friends, now's the time!

Somebody suggested that a Mile of Dimes would help. It surely would! A Mile of Dimes would put me over the top. Some of my friends are going to send me a dime for each ten years of their age; others are sending a dime for each member of their families. You know, if folks that can give only a little would only give that little, I'd reach the goal I've been striving for these months. You will, won't you?

Sam

IT CAN BE DONE!

This is not the time to accept defeat. While it is true that eleven months of the fiscal year have passed, with gifts received amounting to less than fourteen thousand of the twenty thousand dollars seriously needed, the remaining one month is plenty of time for five or six thousand dollars to be sent in. Our God is not limited in resources, if we will only trustfully appeal to Him. He has said, "*Concerning the work of my hands command ye me.*" Isaiah 45:11.

If every friend receiving the NEWSETTE would send in one dollar, the need would be met. If one thousand friends sent in five dollars each, or two hundred sent in twenty-five dollars each, "Sam" could climb to the top of the ladder. We have fifty friends who could easily spare one hundred dollars apiece to take care of the entire amount, and we believe there are five friends who would give a thousand dollars apiece even at considerable sacrifice if the Lord told them that this was their definite responsibility. We know we once received a five thousand dollar gift out of a clear sky from one who was not even on our mailing list.

Our God "is able to do exceeding abundantly above all that we ask or think, according to the power that worketh in us." Our responsibility is to let the power of God work in us. Let each give what he can as God directs, but let us remember, with A. C. Dixon, that "when we rely upon prayer, we get what God can do." Some may ask God to make a higher ladder for "Sam" necessary, but let no reader of this article pray for less than the twenty thousand dollars seriously needed.

Believing that an important work is being done here for the Lord and knowing that He is more anxious to give than to receive, we can pray with much assurance. In closing we quote Mrs. Charles E. Cowman: "*Faith can change any situation. No matter how dark it is, no matter what the trouble may be, a quick lifting of the heart to God in a moment of real, actual faith in Him, will alter the situation in a moment.*"

"God is still on His throne, and He can turn defeat into victory in a second of time, if we really trust Him."

MISS ALMA DOERING

Miss Alma Doering, missionary to Africa, gave a deep spiritual insight into the need of Africa for the Word of God when she spoke to the students four times, once in chapel, twice in Bible classes, and in the missions class. In one of the Bible classes she used a short moving picture of African scenes and people, pointing out especially the difficulties of traveling there, crossing big rivers without bridges or ferries. She also emphasized the fact that the natives in Africa are eager after they have been saved to win others of their own tribes to the Lord.

Gilmer, Houck to Speak

Commencement Week, this year, begins with the Baccalaureate Service on Sunday, June 2. The service will be held at 8 o'clock p.m., the speaker being Rev. Graham Gilmer, pastor of the Rivermont Presbyterian Church, Lynchburg, Virginia. The place of this service will be the Rhea High School Auditorium in the city of Dayton.

Speaker for the commencement exercises, to be held on Wednesday, June 5, will be Dr. William Seibert Houck, prominent physician, of Harrisburg, Pa.

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—God Above All—

A FRESHMAN WRITES TO YOU

Dear Newsette Reader:

Have you trials—trials that seem harder than anyone else has, burdens for which there seems to be no relief? Has the sky ever seemed so dark you could scarcely pray? I am sure this has been true in your life, as it has in mine, even in the happy atmosphere here at Bryan.

Now how do we react toward these marauders of our happiness, if we may call them that? They certainly seem to be, don't they? I'm afraid we often get a fault-finding, fretful spirit and even ruefully question, "Why must this come our way?" But listen! Hear what God's Word says. In Peter we read: "Think it not strange concerning the fiery trial which is to try you" (I Pet. 4:12). And hearken to Paul: "Our light affliction, which is but for a moment, worketh for us a far more exceeding and eternal weight of glory" (II Cor. 4:17). In 12:9, "Most gladly, therefore, will I rather glorify in my infirmities."

This is rather different, isn't it, from our common experience, and it is certainly one Bible injunction little heeded. How many of your neighbors come to you with a happy tale of their sorrows? But we are saved—ample reason for rejoicing.

Peter says the trial of our faith is much more precious than gold that perisheth though it be tried by fire. Job, covered with boils, said as he sat in the ashes over four thousand years ago, "When He hath tried me I shall come forth as gold." What did he mean? What did Peter mean? Do you wear a ring of gold? Surely, you did not find it lying under an apple tree. No, gold in its natural

CHILD EVANGELISM PROGRAM

In order to present again the work of the Child Evangelism Fellowship to Bryan students with a view to establishing that work in Dayton, Miss Harriet Olson, state secretary, in a recent chapel message illustrated the methods of presenting the gospel to the children by visual-aid boards and attractive posters. Children's hearts are open to receive the gospel, Miss Olson said, but few of them have the truth of God's word in its simplicity.

Recognizing the need of children in this community, the students have organized a division of the Child Evangelism Fellowship with these officers: Martha Mailander, president; Margaret Ann McKinnon, vice president; Warren Oliff, secretary; and Richard Langford, treasurer. Immediate plans are being laid to start Bible classes to give more of the unreached children an opportunity to know the Savior.

state is mixed with impurities and rock. Intense heat has to be applied; then comes forth the pure, shining gold that is in your ring. Like gold in its raw state, we, too, must be tried as in the fire. What that fire is to the gold those boils were to Job. Whether your affliction is boils or one of the thousand things that try us, we know God is seeking to burn up the dross in our lives that the gold may be seen.

Let's not forget this—that we are not the only ones tried. Think of Joseph, falsely accused and cast into prison. Remember Daniel, cast to the hungry lions. Their faith was sorely tried; yet, they came forth as gold. Rejoice, I say, that you are counted worthy of such trying.

Last and best, God is faithful and will not suffer us to be tempted beyond that we are able, but will provide a way for us to bear the trial. "My grace," He says, "is sufficient for thee." In our weakness we hear Him comfort: "My strength is made perfect in (your) weakness."

Wherefore, let us rejoice in tribulation. Let us take heart, lift up the hands that hang down, strengthen the knees that are feeble—knowing that the trial of our faith, being much more precious than gold, might be found a source of praise, honor, and glory at His coming.

Yours in His faithfulness,
PAUL THEOBALD

Senior Theses

With an eye toward the degree which they hope to receive within a few weeks, the seniors have been diligently working to complete the requirements, an important part of which is the senior thesis written on a subject in the field of the student's major.

Those students who have selected Bible themes are: Ruth Dawson, "Death"; Lillian Hummel, "The Tabernacle in the Wilderness"; Glenn Klammer, "The Person and Work of the Holy Spirit"; Mildred Kuntz, "The Customs of the Jewish People in Palestine"; Rebecca Peck, "Ambassadors for Christ"; Connie Penick, "The Second Coming"; Jack Smith, "The Tribulation"; Ben White, "Faith"; and Dorothy White, "The Times of the Gentiles".

With a major in English these students have selected the following subjects: Mabel Arnold, "The Life of John Greenleaf Whittier"; Eileen Garwood, "Misfortune Makes for Fame"; Alvin Hall, "Shakespeare's Use of Mythology"; Ruth Toliver, "The Life and Works of Alexander Pope"; and Joyce Hirschy, "The Use of Mythology in Advertising".

Because of his special interest in music, Howard Kee has selected the subject, "The Development of the Modern Symphony Orchestra".

GANDHI TO CHRIST

As an agitator in the Home-Rule Party working for Gandhi, Mr. J. M. Gnaniah was converted through the witness of two missionaries, and after several years of study in England, he is now devoting his time to preaching and lecturing.

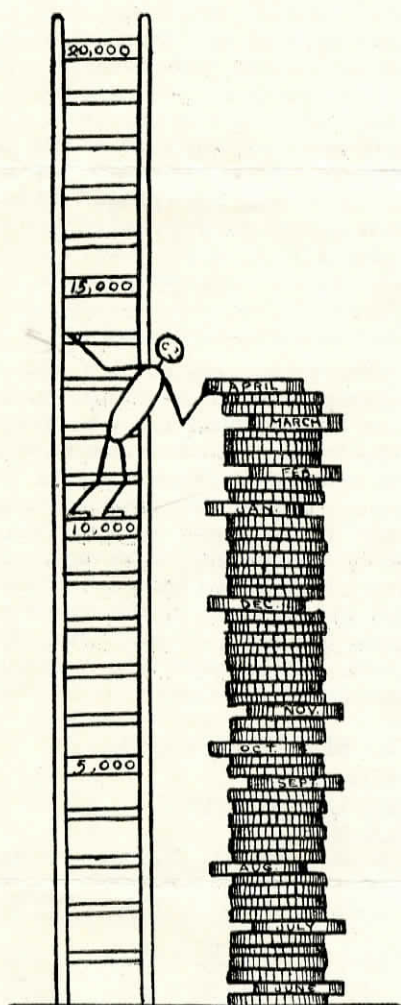
In his forceful and impressive way, he spoke to the chapel body at the University recently, using for his text, Col. 1:17-19. Paul said, "We preach, warning every man, and teaching every man . . . that we may present every man perfect in Christ Jesus." "The unsaved man needs to be warned about the eternal hell, while the saved person needs to be warned that in the power of the precious blood of Christ he can win every battle," the speaker declared. There is also a teaching ministry—to teach every man to be perfect in Christ. Perfection may be obtained not only positionally in Christ, but when a man is filled with the Holy Spirit, he is on the way to Christian perfection.

Bryan University

GOD'S HANDIWORK

'Tis not alone the birds that sing,
Nor yet the newly growing flowers,
Nor even verdant hillsides' splendor
Or many leafy-covered bowers;
But 'tis the wonder of God's strength
To bring new life where death had
reigned,
That made us to rejoice aloud
And say that SPRING is here
again!

—Rebecca May Peck



In the above illustration each ladder rung represents \$1,000 of income from gifts, each coin representing \$250. Each month's gifts are shown, to the nearest \$250.



Gift Receipts, June 1, '39—March 31	\$12,358.64
Gift Receipts during April	736.65
Total Gift Receipts to April 30, 1940	\$13,095.29

Bible Conference on Bryan Hill

With Chickamauga Lake now spreading its beauty near Bryan Hill, we anticipate cooler summers, sunsets shimmering across the water, and a setting even more beautiful than the present lovely campus provides. From the beauties of God's handiwork, the mind easily passes to the possibilities of a summer Bible Conference on Bryan Hill, a place in which God's people can gather for fellowship, for study and relaxation. The buildings, though not completed, offer ample comfort for young people or older, and the campus and country-side provide miles of mountain hiking and hunting ground for the snapshooters.

Bible Conference grounds are not plentiful in the South, and it is felt that such an institution in connection with the University would provide a means of blessing for many of God's children who are unable to attend elsewhere and who are therefore denied the joy of such Christian fellowship and study.

LADIES SING

The Young Ladies' Quartette, composed of Misses Connie Penick, Eileen Hartschuh, Lola Goehring, and Margaret Lowe, accompanied by Professor and Mrs. Fish, spent the week-end of April 14th in Chattanooga, being entertained at the home of Mr. and Mrs. D. A. Graves on Missionary Ridge.

Besides singing over the air on the "Radio Revival" program, the quartette sang at the Saturday evening service and three Sunday services at the Chattanooga Gospel Tabernacle, of which T. Perry Brannon is director. Mr. Charles A. Weigle was the speaker for these services.

While this quartette was singing forth His praises at Chattanooga, another quartette, Misses Gertrude Altem, Ruth Toliver, Rebecca Peck, and Leona Wilson, was telling the gospel story in song and testimony at the C.C.C. Camp near Dayton at a Sunday evening gathering. —G. L.

The Commoner is Coming

Another year has nearly passed, in the history of Bryan University, and another COMMONER is being prepared for publication; yet it's not just "another" year: the conclusion of this year's work marks the end of a decade of progress of the University's service. This theme, with an anticipation of even greater advancement in the future, has been carried out in the COMMONER for 1940.

The senior class would like to offer to friends, prospective students, and alumni the opportunity to purchase one of these annuals with its unique cover and descriptive contents, including scenic portrayals of the new lake created by the T.V.A., with its surrounding mountains, as well as numerous representations of the Bryan family and its activities.

The COMMONER is expected to come from the press about May 28, so if you place your order in advance of that date with the circulation manager, Rebecca Peck, you, too, may enjoy "a visit to Bryan University." The price is \$1.50.

REV. C. F. WEIGLE

Manifesting a special interest in the lives of Christian young people, Rev. C. F. Weigle gave a stirring message in chapel suggesting a clear outline by which one may definitely know God's will and be in His plan. From the negative viewpoint, He made the following suggestions: Do not despise your own individuality; be willing to fit into His plan for you; when His plan "seems" to fail, don't make one of your own; and do not expect a special revelation from God, but have a clear apprehension of Him.

As positive commendations he listed the following: Pray—God knows His plan for you and no one else does; let the Holy Spirit lead; study God's word; observe circumstances (all inward leadings are proved by outward providences); and trust God, for He is omniscient, omnipotent, and omnipresent.

The rendition of the song which Rev. Weigle wrote and sang for us, "No One Ever Cared for Me Like Jesus," was a most fitting conclusion for a message which moved the hearts of many listeners.

FACULTY PERSONALITIES

Dr. Gregg

When Dr. Harris Gregg came to Bryan Hill to speak at a Bible conference several years ago, no one imagined that he would come back in the fall of 1939 to take the place of his friend, our beloved Bible teacher who has gone to be with the Lord, Dr. Charles Currens. The Lord sent Dr. Gregg to us, and he has a warm place in our hearts. Radiant in his assurance of being born again, Dr. Gregg seems to give a part of the richness of his spiritual life to every one around him.

Dr. Gregg was born in Buffalo, New York, and has lived in New York City, Philadelphia, St. Louis, Chicago, and Winnipeg, Canada, as well as in many other places. The home of Dr. and Mrs. Gregg is now "above the clouds" on Lookout Mountain.

Mrs. Lynip

Mrs. Arthur Lynip came to Bryan in the fall of 1938 to teach music, having obtained her degree from Houghton College in New York, and having just become Mrs. Lynip. Her vivid interest in music has found an outlet not only in teaching piano and voice but in building a choir of about thirty voices.

Young in her outlook on life, Mrs. Lynip has an unusual sympathy for and understanding of college students. She is noted for her quick wit in repartee and also for her calm ability in caring for her tiny daughter, Judith Ann. The Bryan family is glad to claim Mrs. Lynip as an interesting and useful member.

VISIT NORRIS DAM

Eight forty-five a.m., April 10, saw three carloads of Economics students, Mr. Lynip, and Mr. and Mrs. Fish, leave Bryan Hill en route to Norris Dam, at Norris, Tennessee. After arriving at the dam and enjoying a picnic lunch in Norris Park, the group walked across the bridge above the huge spillway, a massive structure containing 1,001,253 cubic yards of concrete. The chief attraction in the power house was the two large turbines which generate electricity. From a lookout post the students obtained a beautiful panoramic view of the dam, lake, park, river, and neighboring country. The trip to Norris Dam, which had been anticipated all year, met the expectations of the group and was considered profitable.

WATER

Water, the daily need of every living thing. It ascends from the seas, obedient to the summons of the sun, and, descending, showers blessing upon the earth; it gives of its sparkling beauty to the fragrant flower; its alchemy transmutes base clay into golden grain; it is the canvas upon which the finger of the Infinite traces the radiant bow of promise. It is the drink that refreshes and adds no sorrow with it. Jehovah looked upon it at Creation's dawn and said, "It is good."

VISITORS

Recent visitors to the University were Mr. and Mrs. Earl A. Winsor and two children and Mrs. R. L. Park, of Huntington, Mass. Mr. Winsor, a graduate and former instructor at Wheaton College, has served two terms in Africa under the African Inland Mission.

At an evening service in the chapel Mr. Winsor gave a slide lecture on his mission work in Africa. His message the following morning was based on stewardship, showing the value and joy of a life of service to God.

The Winsors are personal friends of Mr. and Mrs. Childs, who were especially glad to welcome them to the campus.

CHAPEL PROGRAMS

"Cinderella and Prince John," a mock opera in four acts, was composed and presented complete with appropriate costumes and stage setting, by the Senior class recently in chapel. Among the most interesting scenes were Cinderella's lightning change to beautiful clothes for the party under the magic touch of the fairy godmother (Lillian Hummel); the entrance of the coach drawn by two long-eared horses (Glenn Klamm and Ben White) with the coachman (Jack Smith) close behind with an umbrella; their exit with Cinderella; the garden scene with Cinderella and Prince John (Ruth Toliver and Alvin Hall), in which a campus bench and light were used, reminding students of Saturday nights. Other characters in the opera were the Prologue, Mabel Arnold, and the two wicked sisters, Rebecca Peck and Connie Penick. The libretto was cleverly written by Dorothy White, and the director of the production was Howard Kee.

The Junior class in their chapel program presented an unusual gentleman, Clarence Blackburn, who proved himself able to play his trombone with his feet equally as well as with his hands. Dan Hirschy, firmly believing that "in the spring a young man's fancy lightly turns to thoughts of love", led a contest between the Scarlets and the Golds in identifying famous quotations on love. The decision, an extremely close one, was awarded to the Golds.

HOW GIFT INCOME IS TO BE DISTRIBUTED

PROPOSED

CASH EXPENSE BUDGET DISTRIBUTION

1939-40 SCHOOL YEAR

	\$10,000 Budget	\$15,000 Budget	\$20,000 Budget	\$25,000 Budget	\$35,000 Budget
Staff Salaries	40%	39%	37%	35%	32%
*Other School					
Operating Expenses	41%	40%	33½%	29%	24%
Retirement of Indebtedness.....		1%	3½%	8%	14%
Improvements in					
Building and Equipment	19%	20%	26%	28%	30%
Totals	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%

Percentage of Stated Salaries

that would be received in cash 16% 24% 30% 35% 45%

*This does not include dormitory and boarding club expenses. It is expected that these expenses will be covered by cash receipts on student accounts.

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